

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 have been amended to replace the phrase "characterized in that" and rewrite the claims in proper method form using gerunds to recite steps of the method to conform with U.S. practice.

Claims 2-7 have been amended to depend solely from independent Claim 1, in order to eliminate multiple dependencies. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by these amendments, and respectfully request entry thereof prior to examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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